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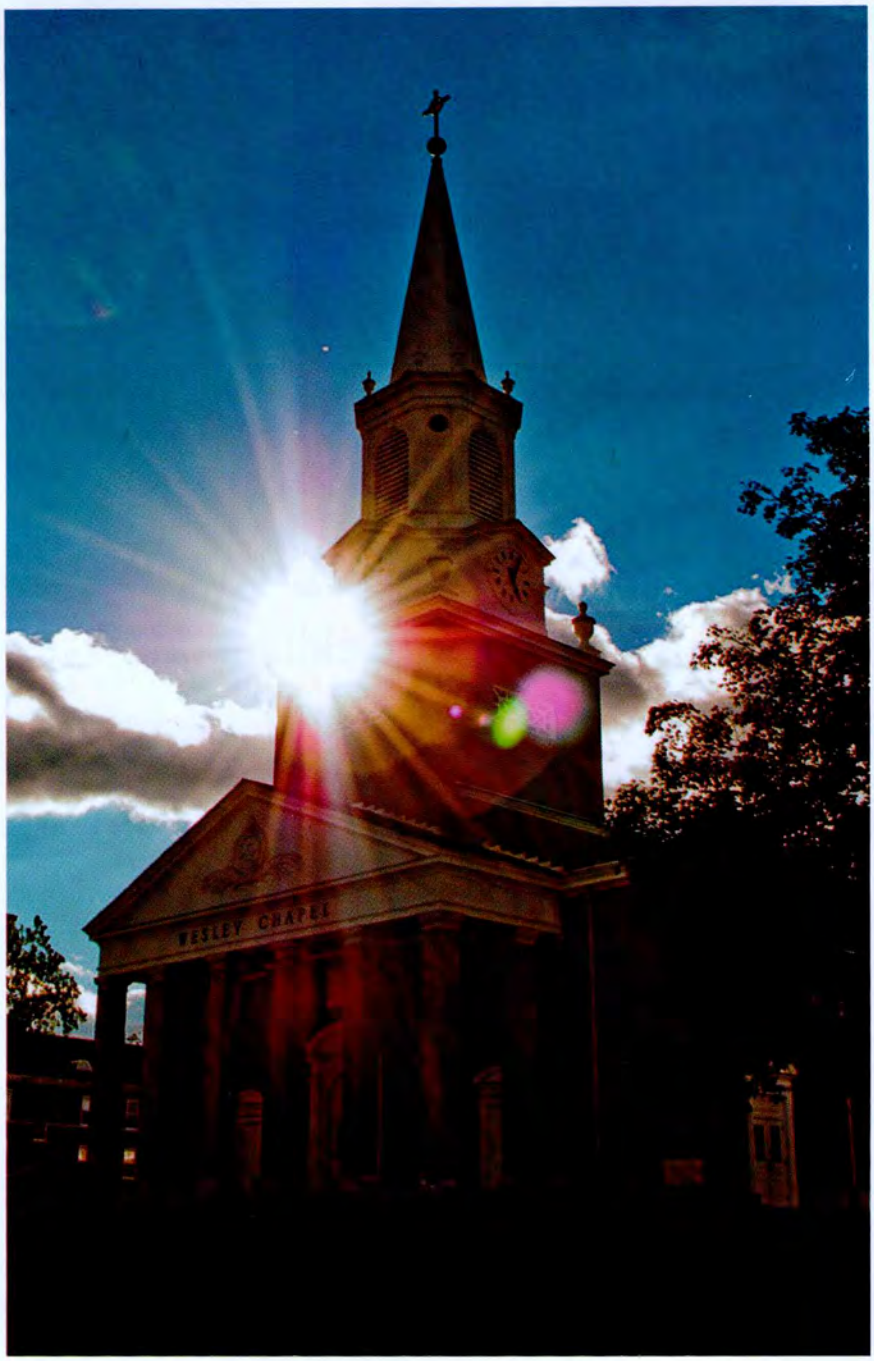
The Class of 2012 was full of accomplishments both within the classroom and throughout not only the campus but the country. From Fulbright scholars to sports records, this class set new records for future generations of West Virginia Wesleyan students. This book holds the seniors' memories. From Greek life to May terms, clubs to sports, and everything in between. Four years flew by faster than anyone could imagine, but one thing was certain--the class of 2012 did everything ***with flying colors!***



A message from the President

When I arrived as a freshman at West Virginia Wesleyan College in the fall of 1968, the College was near the completion of a major campus expansion. The Benedum Campus Center, Benedum Residence Hall, Christopher Hall of Science, Holloway Hall, Middleton Hall, and Wesley Chapel provided a catalyst for unprecedented enrollment growth for the College and helped create what has become the most picturesque college campus in West Virginia.

During the past few years, we have completed Wesleyan's most comprehensive campus expansion. This past academic year, we added a new residence hall and a new wellness center in Jenkins Hall which followed the opening of the David E. Reemsnyder Research Center and the new campus green space the previous year.

Much like the 1960s, these new facilities have accommodated new undergraduate majors and graduate programs. Wesleyan students continue to benefit from a dedicated teaching faculty who provide an atmosphere of high challenge and high support. The combination of our strong academic and rich and balanced co-curricular program has established Wesleyan as one of the best colleges in our region. This is evidenced by our ranking in U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges Guide and by our continued success in regional research and international scholarship competitions.

The value of leadership, service, and working with others through residential living and participation in athletics, community engagement projects, Greek life, outdoor recreation, student government, religious life, and campus organizations in conjunction with the academic experience fosters relationships while creating memories for life.

I am sure you will enjoy the photos and content included in this year's edition of the *Murmurmontis*. And, as you grow older, I am sure you will cherish even more of your Wesleyan memoires and always appreciate how "Your Home Among the Hills" always holds a special place in your heart.

Cordially,
Pamela Balch '71

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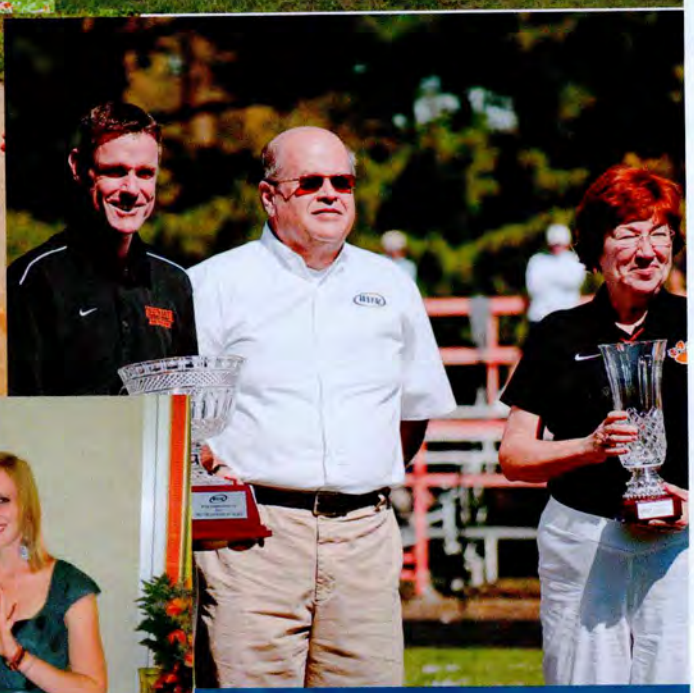


WESLEY CHAPEL

Fall

Out with the *Old* in with the *New*: Changes on Campus

Top: The new fountain welcomes visitors and returning students to the school.
Bottom: College officials participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Wellness Center located in Jenkins Hall.

The 2011-2012 school year brought many new renovations to the campus of West Virginia Wesleyan. The beginning of the year was marked by the receipt of a large grant that served to make major improvements to the campus. Renovations during the school year included the installation of a fountain on the campus green, and upgraded and state of the art wellness center, and a brand new 140-bed residence hall!

The new residence hall, which was named Dunn Hall in honor of Thomas Dunn and his wife Carol, was designed to resemble Agnes Howard Hall. However, this new hall is air conditioned and has high-tech laundry machines that are designed to text students when their laundry is done. The fountain was added in order to more closely match the Master Plan of Wesleyan. It quickly became a favorite study area for students and was especially useful if they needed to cool down on a hot day! The Wellness Center was one of the most favorable renovations made this year. This 9.000 square foot workout area includes over 20 pieces of cardio equipment, meeting rooms, a lounge area for students, and the space for numerous classes in yoga, zumba, and beyond.

Physical changes to the campus were not the only differences students found upon coming back to school in the fall. There were several new additions to the faculty of WVWC. Eight professors were added to the college's list of full-time faculty. These were Katharine Antolini, Andy Bloxham, Karim Badwan, Angela Barrickman, Canea Carothers, Amelia Clark,Christopher Cosner, and David Simmons. Several of these new full-time staff members were familiar with WVWC. Antolini, Badwan, Carothers, Cosner, and Simmons had all been teaching at the college for several semesters already. One new faculty member, Andy Bloxham, joined the faculty of WVWC and increased the popularity of the school's photography major. These staff members made great strides in further improving the campus community and student experience here at WVWC!

Top: Left to right: Katharine Antolini, David Simmons, Amelia Clark, Andy Bloxham, Karim Badwan, Canea Carothers, and Angela Barrickman pose for their new faculty picture at the beginning of the year.
Middle left: A crowd gathers for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new resisdence hall.
Middle right: The fountain adds to the beauty of the campus oval.
Bottom: Andy Bloxham poses with a statue while on May Term in Ireland.

Oh, the *places* you will go....

Top: Cassie Bodkin enjoys a hiking trip in Sweden.
Bottom: Hideomi Masuda, Marie Iwamatsu, and Tsubasa Tomoto celebrate their upcoming graduation.

"Traveling will never tarnish your character; it will only make you a better person."
-Cassie Bodkin

West Virginia Wesleyan has always been a school that cherishes the opportunity to allow students to have unique experiences abroad. From Cassie Bodkin, who spent a semester abroad in Sweden, to the many students who experienced May Term or Spring Break trips to different countries, to the many international students, like Hideomi Masuda, who came to America to experience a new culture, if students wanted the opportunity to travel somewhere new, WVWC did everything to make that possible.

Some students chose to make shorter trips that last from 1-3 weeks. During the 2011-2012 year, trips were taken to South Africa, Ireland, and Italy. Other students, such as Cassie Bodkin, chose to immerse themselves for an entire semester. Bodkin said, "I knew I had to jump at the opportunity to witness new cultures and perspectives while I had the opportunity. Being totally immersed in a new country is the best way to learn and grow."

Other WVWC students left their own countries to come here and enjoy the American culture. Hideomi Masuda, from Japan, was one of those students. Hide successfully completed both his undergraduate and graduate degrees while at this school, and he says, "The first time I came to America, I experienced some difficulties with language barriers, cultural differences, and different values. However, tremendous support and assistance from my family and the Wesleyan community assisted me in attaining both undergraduate and graduate degrees. My study abroad experience truly made me who I am today." Sometimes these students felt compelled to leave a piece of their culture at Wesleyan. Tsubasa Tomoto chose to donate a piece of art to the library and says " "I would like to share the beautiful Japanese symbols, Mount Fuji and cherry blossoms, as a token of my appreciation to West Virginia Wesleyan College."

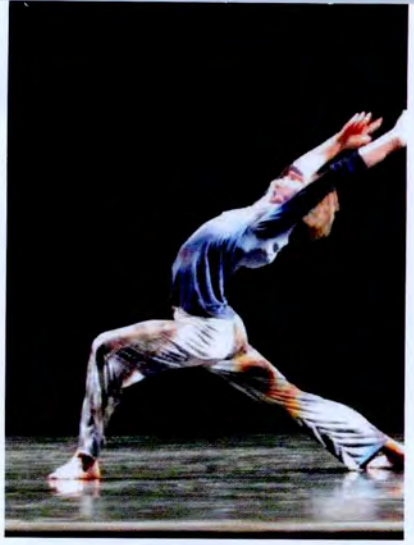
Traveling is an excellent life experience, and West Virginia Wesleyan gave many students the opportunity to experience just that. However, no matter where students roamed, they all agreed that it was wonderful to return to their home among the hills!

Top: Tsubasa Tomoto shows his appreciation for WVWC by donating a picture of important Japanese symbols.
Middle left: Kaitlen Whitt smiles in front of traditional Bulgarian art.
Middle right: Elena Garton, Hannah Talbott, Hannah Reger, and Hannah Laulis enjoy a windy Irish day.
Bottom: Ryan Perry photographs a cemetary in Dublin, Ireland.

All the world's a Stage

The Department of Theatre and Dance had another very eventful school year! The theatrical productions held in the Performing Arts Center included a contemporary adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, which was titled *R+J*. The theater also produced the comical play *Nunsense*. In the spring, the theater department did *The Diary of Anne Frank*. However, there were more events produced by this department than the Main Stage shows! The dance department held its annual DanceWorks show which featured senior dancers Kaitlen Whitt and Joshua Holets among others. Senior recitals were performed by Ryan Perry, Gaby Tokach, and Mandy Onder, and Jackie Spicer directed *Not Here* as her senior project. Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honorary, also kept busy by hosting "The Bard in the Yard", an afternoon of Shakespeare out on the campus, and the annual Cabaret event on Reading Day which gave students an excellent study break. The Department of Theatre and Dance was definitely doing its part to keep the arts alive at WVWC!

Top: Mandy Onder does a monologue during the production of *Nunsense*.
Middle left: Members of APO stop dancing long enough to take a picture at formal.
Middle right: Corynn McAtee and Gabrielle Tokach play a dramatic moment in the production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*.
Bottom: Joshua Holets, Philip Adams, Caleb Waybright and Yvette Boles act out the part of a three-headed monster in the production of *R&J*.



Just *Dance...*

Top left: Josh Holets performs at the annual DanceWorks program.
Top right: The DanceWorks show commences with a group number featuring all the dancers.
Middle left: The Bobcats Dance team co-captains Kelci Stromberg and Corynn McAtee pose backstage at a performance.
Middle right: DanceWorks features an energetic group number that includes senior Josh Holets.
Bottom: The show concludes with a haunting final number.

Sigma Alpha Iota

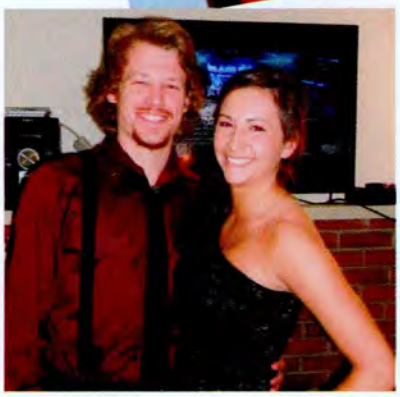
Top: Sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota celebrate Province Day at WVWC.
Middle left: Hannah Spencer,Teena Marcum, Kaitlen Whitt, Gabrielle Tokach, Danielle Kelly, Brittany Perkins, and Mandy Onder pose after initiation.
Middle right: Danielle Kelly and Hannah Spencer show off their diplomas.
Bottom: Sisters relax during some free time.

Phi Mu Alpha

Top: Brothers of FMA celebrate Christmas!
Middle Left: Joshua Holets and Philip Adams pose at formal.
Middle Right: Brothers enjoy a brotherhood trip to Meadowbrook Mall to see the Lion King in 3-D!
Bottom: Brothers Nathan Boone and Stephen Boone serenade the crowds at the Spring Formal.

Homecoming:

Celebrating *tradition...*



Top: King D'Andrew Parker smiles at the Homecoming game with alumni.
Bottom: Nominee Kylie McGlew poses before the coronation.

"I felt so honored to be elected Homecoming Queen and represent the Class of 2012! It was definitely one of my most memorable experiences at WVWC!"

-Emily Ahalt

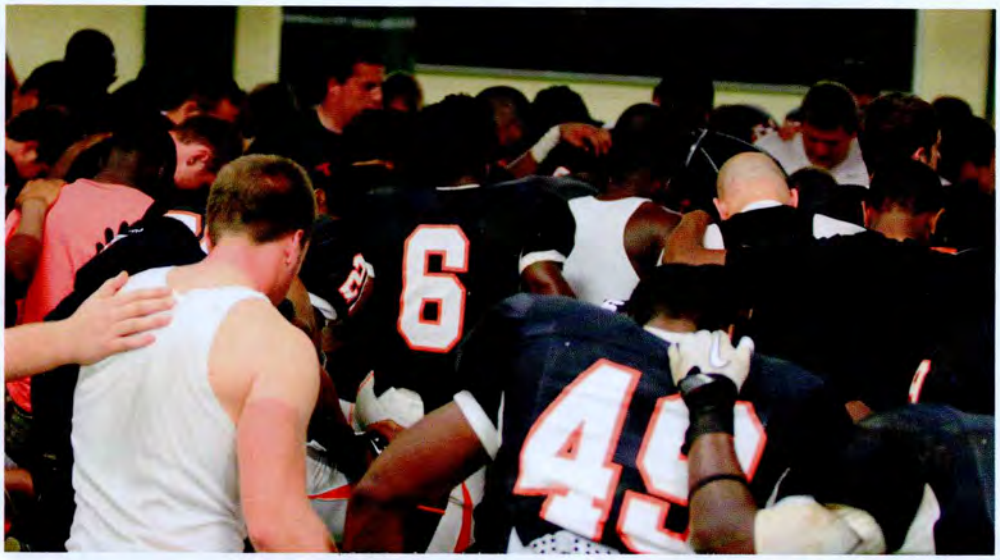
Homecoming festivities were held from October 14th through the 16th! On October 14th, the student body, faculty and returning alumni gathered for the annual Homecoming Convocation which honored Dr. Scott Miller from the class of 1981. Later that evening, the current students gathered to learn who would be crowned king and queen of the senior class. Nominees included Morgan Billups, Kylie McGlew, D'Andrew Parker, Erik Hansen, and Nick Cavey. The celebration ended with Emily Ahalt winning the title of Queen and D'Andrew Parker being elected as King. At the football game the next day, the Bobcats faced the Fairmont State Falcons whom they defeated 21-14. During halftime at the game, the year's Spring Sing theme was announced, and campus groups were excited to begin planning for the next big alumni event. It would not be too long until they were a part of the 0range line themselves!

Top: The entire homecoming court smiles after coronation.
Middle left: Queen Emily Ahalt and nominee Eric Hansen smile happily for the crowd.
Middle right: Faculty stand to sing the Alma Mater at the Homecoming convocation.
Bottom: Nominee Morgan Billups visits with her parents after the ceremony.

Bobcat Football

The West Virginia Wesleyan College Bobcat football team had a fantastic winning season for the second year in a row. They had a 9-2 record and were victorious against Millersville, Bentley, West Liberty, Seton Hill, Lincoln, Shepherd, Fairmont State, Glenville State, and West Virginia State. The highest score came against Millersville in the season opener with a score of 55-3. Seniors on the team included Ben Akalefu, Felipe Teixeira, Mike Pruden, , Andrew Feliciano, and Robert Staton. However, among the senior class there were four standouts who truly impacted the team. These young men included #12 Adam Neugebauer, #4 Jon Meadows, #23 T.J. Benners, and #8 Ottis Scott. Neugebauer started all eleven games as quarterback and was named the WVIAC offensive player of the year. As wide receiver, Meadows set a school record for receiving yards at 1,275. Benners made second team all-WVIAC and scored an impressive 3 touchdowns in the second game of the season! Scott made first team all-WVIAC and finished the season having started all games as defensive back with a total of 55 tackles. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the entire team, these seniors had a fantastic season that will remain in the memory of Bobcats for years to come!

Top left: Jon Meadows stares down the competition.
Top right: Neugebauer checks out the defense as he runs down the field.
Bottom left: Neugebauer takes a knee during the game.
Bottom right: Wide receiver Todd Benners slides into the field to catch the ball during the Fairmont State game.



Top left: Ottis Scott keeps his eyes on his opponent during the Millersville game.
Top right: The team sits on the sidelines watching fellow teammates work for a win.
Bottom left: Quarterback Adam Neugebauer throws the ball down the field to a teammate.
Bottom right: Wide Receiver Jon Meadows catches the ball and runs it in for a touchdown!

"As a team, we could walk with our heads held high, knowing we gave it our all, and our hard work and dedication had paid off."

Adam Neugebauer
Quarterback

Lady Bobcats Soccer

The Lady Bobcats had an exciting season finishing the year with a 10-4-3 record! They started the season off with a win over Shippensburg University, and over the course of the season, they had a 4-game winning streak! The team was lead by seniors Zania Thomas, defense, Caroline Lalley, and Katie Roberts, midfielders. Other seniors included Patti Contic and Erin MacPherson. This team, which went 6-1-2 in conference play was coached by Patrick Holguin. The Lady Bobcats played their hearts out throughout their season and made West Virginia Wesleyan proud!

Top: Zania Thomas kicks the ball down the field to her teammates.
Middle: After a sweeping victory, the team runs in to celebrate.
Bottom: Katie Roberts bounces the ball off her chest and sprints down the field.

Bobcat Soccer

The 2011-2012 men's Bobcat soccer team was coached by Gavin Donaldson. The team started off on a high note with a win againt Southern Indiana University during the season opener. Their overall record was 10-6-3 with a 6-3-1 record during conference play. Seniors on the team included Liam Maloney, Karl McKnight,Vladamir Rvalic, and Brandon Wilson. Ryan McDougall, Toni Suta, and Diego Michelta. McDougall made First Team All WVIAC and recorded 57 saves during the year as goalie! Overall, it was a very successful season thanks to the help of the seniors' great leadership!

Top: Ryan McDougall lines the ball up for a successful goal kick.
Middle: Players form a huddle to discuss the strategy they should use against WV State.
Bottom: Diego Michelta runs forward with the ball looking for a goal.

Bobcat Volleyball

The women's volleyball team had a 21-11 season this year.. They started their season with a win against Mercyhurst and continued on to great success. The team was lead by impactful seniors Jessica Pattyn and Ashley Ziegle. Pattyn made Second Team All-WVIAC and had 13 kills during the Davis and Elkins game. She also registered 21 digs against both Davis and Elkins and Seton Hill. Ziegle was similarly successful. She had 23 assists against Seton Hill, and recorded 71 kills against and 124 digs throughout her senior season. Other seniors included Stephanie Bruggeman and Courtney Rose. The team was led by head coach Jackie Murphy.

Top: Ashley Ziegle returns the ball to the opposing team.
Middle: The team huddles to strategize during a match against Fairmont State.
Bottom: Jessica Pattyn spikes the ball back to the Glenville State team during an intense game.

Bobcat Tennis

The 2011-2012 tennis team was led to success by senior Olga Demina and interim coach Karli Brentlinger. Demina who played her way to the top after coming to WVWC from Russia was a vital part in the team's porgress during the season. The year's team was in transition and it showed as they compiled a record of just 5-10 overall and a 3-7 conference record. The Lady Bobcats notched victories against Alderson-Broaddus, Concord, and Shepherd. The team earned the 8th seed at the WVIAC Conference championships and defeated 9th seeded Concord before being defeated by eventual champion West Virginia State. The women's team received solid performances from sophomores Somi Jeon and Nicole Dietz, as well as fresman Angela Pittinger. Although the Lady Cats were youthful, they fought hard and never quit. They looked forward to the naming of a new full time coach for the next season.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

Winter

Lady Bobcats Basketball

The Lady Bobcats basketball team started the season with an upset losing by two points to St. Augustine. With new coach Jacqueline DeVane and this early upset, it would have been easy to back down. However, from that point the ladies always pushed forward! They finished the season with a 24-7 record, including a conference appearance and a 10-game winning streak! The team was led by seniors Lydia Bridenbaugh, Danae Hill, and Jamie Kaufman. On top of helping to lead this hugely successful team to its first WVIAC Tournament championship, Bridenbaugh was given the additional honor of being named Second Team All-American!

Top: Jamie Kaufman shoots a free throw at the game against WV State.
Middle: Danae Hill keeps her eyes on her opponents as she dribbles down the court.
Bottom: Lydia Bridenbaugh resists WV State's defense to get the ball in the net!

Bobcat Basketball

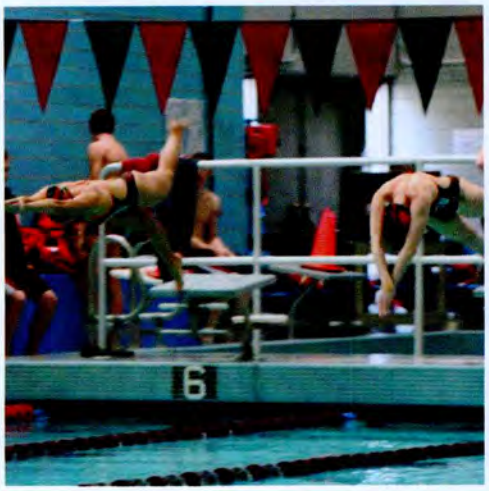
The men's basketball team faced many changes during the 2012 season. They once again found themselves in the hands of a new head coach, Jim Boone. However, these men quickly met every obstacle set before them. They ended their season with an impressive 22-9 record! The team also made it to the second round of the NCAA Men's basketball tournament! Seniors on the team included Dion Mathis, Raymont McElroy, and Travis Johnston, who helped team leaders, Reggie Chambers and Colby Wohlleb, bring the team to great success! Wohlleb is quoted as saying, "The reason I transferred here to Wesleyan was to be part of a winning team and have a chance to play in the NCAA Tournament." This amazing team successfully did just that!

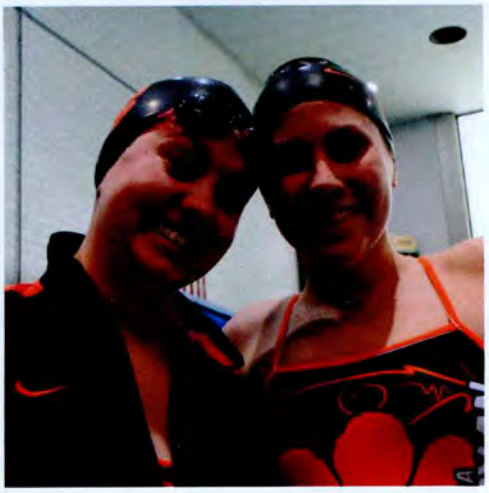
Top: Colby Wohlleb lines up and concentrates on a free throw shot.
Middle: Coach Jim Boone gathers the players around for an inspirational huddle during the WV State game.
Bottom: Reggie Chambers reaches up and dunks the ball!

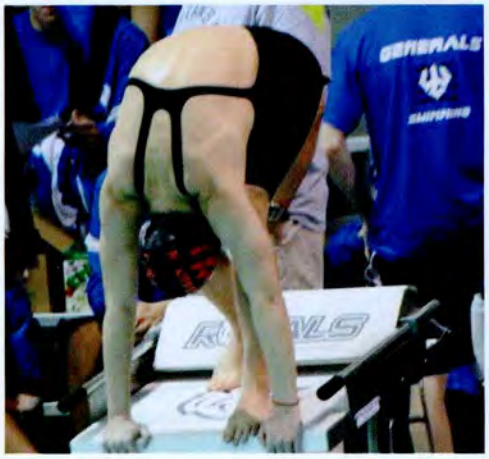
Bobcat Swimming

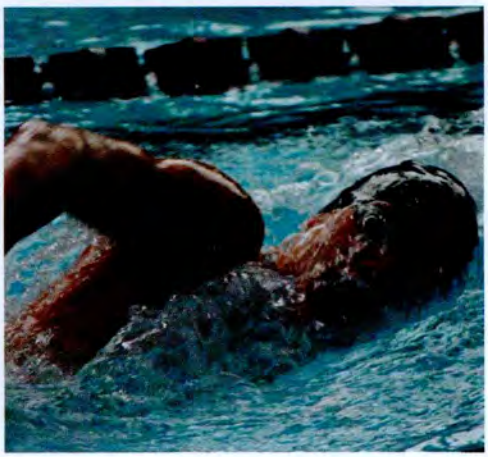
The 2011-2012 swimming season was quite a success for West Virginia Wesleyan. Seniors on the team included Samantha Free, Natalie Howard, and Ashley Kirkhart, with Jeff Dye and Hope Lima named as most impactful senior swimmers. The team's record was 0-0-4. The team's first win came at a meet against Malone University and Oberlin College. At that meet, Samantha Free grabbed first place finishes in the 200-yard backstroke and 200- yard freestyle. They finished their season at the Blue Mountain Conference. At the conference the men's team placed ninth and the women finished twelfth. At that conference, Jeff Dye broke his own school record for the 200 freestyle. April Stanisewski coached the team with assistant coach Rod Hunte. Swimmers overcame many obstacles and gave their best effort. They competed from the pre-season to their very last conference!

Top left: Jeff Dye gets an edge on competitors by jumping furthest off the block.
Top right: Natalie Howard and Hope Lima celebrate their last swim meet as Bobcats.
Bottom left: Natalie Howard prepares for an intense start.
Bottom right: Jeff Dye races one of his best times at a home meet.

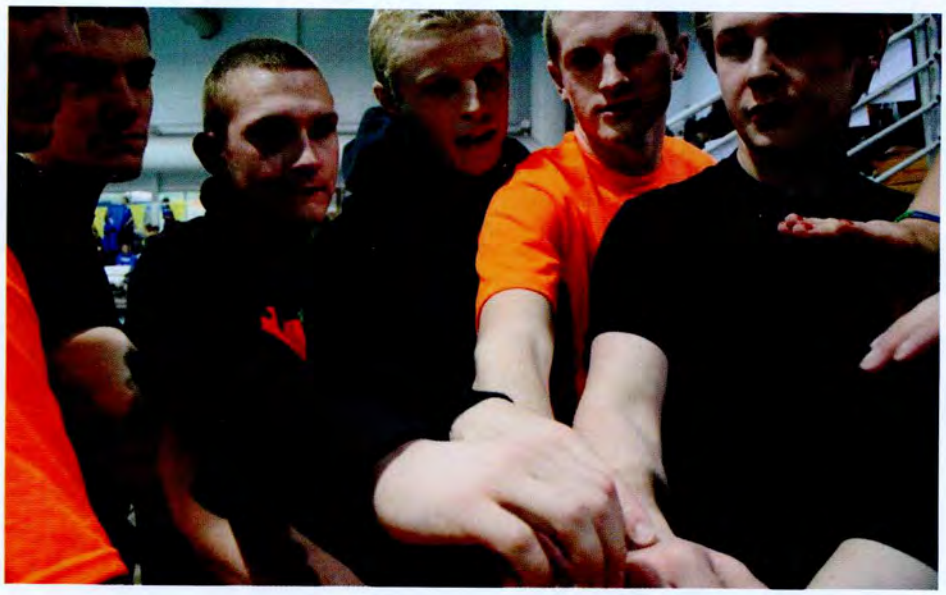








Top left: Female swimmers take a moment to pose for a picture at the last conference of the year.
Top right: Jeff Dye scopes out the competition as he climbs the starting block.
Bottom left: The race starts with a Bobcat swimmer blasting into the pool.
Bottom right: Hope Lima smiles as she successful times for her teammates on the scoreboard.



"During our conference championship, each of the seniors celebrated a plethora of "lasts" for swimming, but I've already begun to miss the thrill of a hard-fought race and the camaraderie that the team gave me."
Jeff Dye

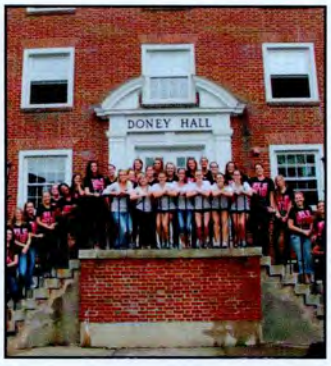
Spring

Greek Life

at West Virginia Wesleyan

West Virginia Wesleyan College has had a long, rich relationship with fraternities and sororities. As an important component of the co-curricular programs for undergraduate students, Greek chapters supported the central mission of the College by providing an out-of-class living/learning experience. Fraternal organizations have existed on Wesleyan campus since 1925.

The College has five national fraternities: Alpha Sigma Phi, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha Order, Theta Chi, and Theta Xi. Wesleyan also has four national sororities: Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, and Zeta Tau Alpha. Approximately one-third of Wesleyan students were members of a Greek organization. Members actively participated in a variety of on and off campus organizations. The Office of Greek Life produced an academic report every semester that tracked trends and held each Greek organization accountable to the minimum requirements to remain in good standing with the college. Since the inception of the new GPA requirements, the "all Greek average" has exceeded the "all College average" every semester since 2001. Fraternities and sororities stressed giving back to the community in the form of service projects both on campus and in the community, and included a combined total of over 10,000 hours donated.



Spring Sing

West Virginia Wesleyan College's Greek organizations showed their talents and celebrated the songs of "The New Millennium" during Spring Sing 2012. Other than the elaborately produced musical numbers, one of the highlights was the crowing of the Spring Sing King and Queen. This year, Nina Come, a senior exercise science major from Venetia, PA, and Garrett Heck, a senior biology major from Martinsburg, WV, were crowned 2012 Spring Sing Queen and King. Come is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha and Heck is a member of Theta Chi.

Members of the Queen's court included seniors Paige Hathaway, a psychology major from Vienna, WV, (Alpha Delta Pi), Natalie Howard, an exercise science major from Bridgeport, WV (Alpha Xi Delta), Alicia Matheny, an English major from Mineral Wells, WV, (Alpha Gamma Delta), and Jessica Wagner, a five-year business major from Buckhannon, (Alpha Delta Pi). Members of the King's court included seniors Phillip Adams, a biology major from Oakland, MD, (Phi Mu), William Tyler, a communication major from Cross Lanes, WV, (Kappa Alpha), and Robert Vollmershausen, an engineering physics major from Fort Ashby, WV (Theta Xi).

The freshmen attendants were Laura Wood, an elementary education major from Williamstown, WV, (Alpha Gamma Delta) and Ryan Lopez, a marketing major from Charles Town, WV, (Theta Chi); the sophomore attendants were Emily Sundstorm, an elementary education major from Fayetteville, WV, (Alpha Xi Delta) and Chris Kimble, a criminal justice major from Susquehanna, PA, (Kappa Alpha); and the junior attendants were Kary Kramer, a Christian education major from Elkins, WV, (Zeta Tau Alpha) and Louie Pellegrini, an exercise science major from Waynesburg, WV, (Theta Chi).

The overall winner for the Spring Sing week competition was Zeta Tau Alpha who also won the sorority division overall winner. Kappa Alpha won the banner competition; Best Director was Kelsey Bowman, an English writing major from Circleville, WV, (Alpha Xi Delta); and the Fraternity Division Winner was Theta Xi.

Fraternity

Sorority

Homecoming Court

Banner

Lady Bobcat Softball

The West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcats softball team, under the direction of legendary coach Steve Warner, entered the 2012 season with high expectations as they were touted as the team to beat for the WVIAC crown. The Lady Bobcats not only won the regular season championship but also the WVIAC tournament championship as well. The Lady Bobcats had an impressive season overall, sporting a record of 20-4 in conference play. The season included big wins against rivals Fairmont State, West Virginia State, and Alderson-Broaddus, as well as an impressive 8-6 performance over spring break in Florida to open the campaign. While the season was very successful, the Lady Bobcats run ended in heartbreak as they made it all the way to the Atlantic Region Super Regional, where they eventually fell to Kutztown (PA) in two games. The leader on the mound for the Bobcats was senior Hillary Perez-Ashley, who earned WVIAC first team honors, as well as WVIAC Pitcher of the Year. She was also selected NFCA first team All-Atlantic Region after leading the Bobcats in wins, (20), innings pitched (162), strikeouts (1650), and complete games (22).

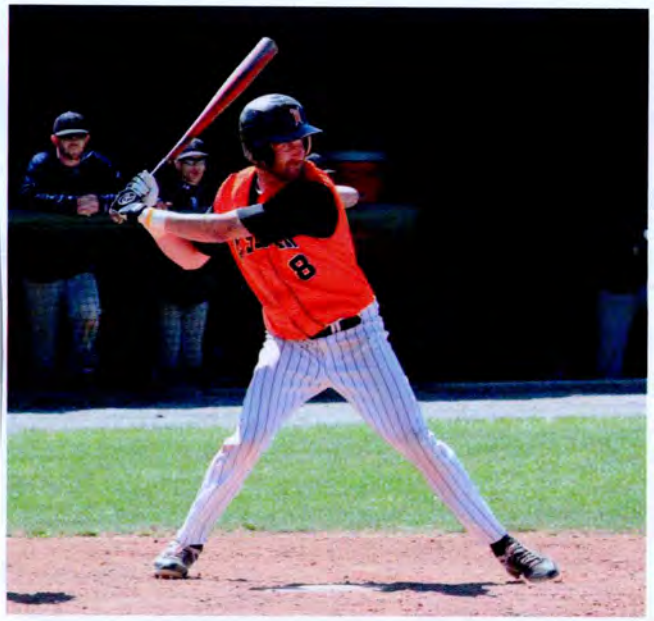
...another successful season

The Lady Bobcats offense was paced by senior outfielder Kelli McCullough, junior pitcher/infielder Kaitlyn Carey, and junior infielder Paige Cummings. Cummings, who was a first team All-WVIAC selection and second team All-Atlantic Region selection, led the Bobcats with a sizzling .433 batting average and 48 RBI, while McCullough, also a second team All-Atlantic regions slection, batted .368 with 11 doubles and 25 RBI. While the Bobcats season did not end as well as they had hoped, the Lady Cats made fellow Bobcats proud as these ladies continued to play with pride and heart to bring back their fifth consevutive WVIAC regular season title and the 18th overall under coach Warner.

"The 2012 season was amazing: WVIAC Champs, Regional Champs, Super Regionals, and one game away from the National Tournament. Terrific group of young ladies that gave 110%. Very proud of their accomplishments."
Steve Warner, Head Coach

Bobcat Baseball

The West Virginia Wesleyan Bobcat baseball team had another solid campaign this season under the direction of head coach Randy Tenney. They played very well, especially at home at Hank Ellis Field, finishing the season with a record of 28-19 overall and 22-9 in conference play, winning the WVIAC Southern Division Championship. This was the first time the Bobcats had won the division title since the '96 season. The team had big series' wins over West Virginia State, Bluefield State, and Ohio Valley, and the Bobcats had a very impressive 11-game winning streak during the regular season. Junior southpaw Aaron Adams led the Bobcats on the mound; Adams also led the WVIAC in ERA (2.41), innings pitched (105) and was tied for the conference lead in wins (10). Adams was named First Team All-WVIAC as a pitcher and selected to the second team All-Atlantic region by the region's sports information directors following the season.



Bobcat Baseball

The Bobcats offense was paced by a pair of seniors in first baseman/third baseman Gene Franks and outfielder Cory Flickinger, both of whom were selected to the All-Conference teams respectively. Franks was selected to the second team All-WVIAC after leading the Bobcats in batting average (.377) and RBI (48), and runs scored (48). Flickinger was a First Team All-WVIAC performer leading Wesleyan in doubles (17), homeruns (9), and runs scored (48). He batted ,368 for the 2012 campaign and was named First Team All-Atlantic region by both the National College Baseball Writers Association and the American Baseball Coaches Association. The Bobcats had an outstanding season as the entire team worked hard, played the game the right way, and brought a championship to Wesleyan that the Bobcats will remember in their minds and hearts for a long, long time.

Lady Bobcat Lacrosse

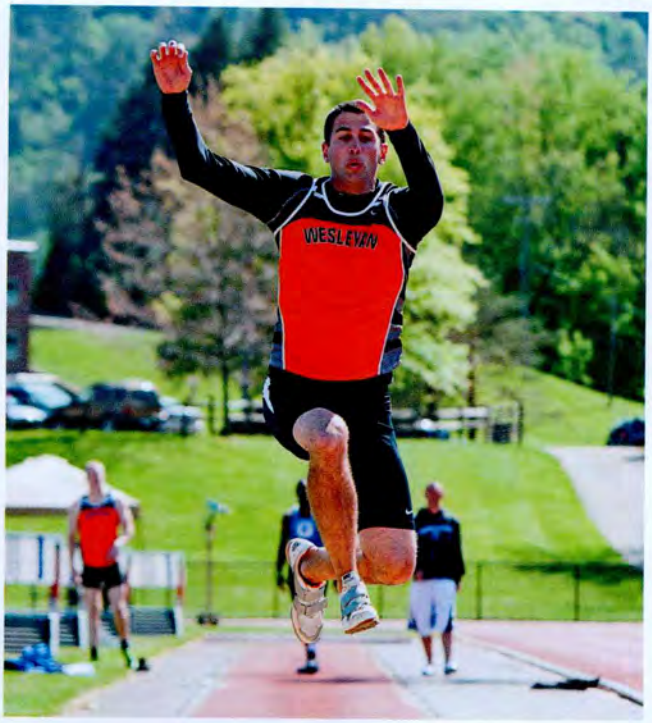
The 2011-2012 season for the West Virginia Wesleyan Women's Lacrosse team was a difficult one. Under the direction of coach Beth Lampinen, the Lady Bobcats compiled a record of just 2-12 during the spring season. They opened the season with a big 16-8 victory over Wheeling Jesuit but stumbled from there as they lost 12 of their next 13 games. Two freshmen lead the Bobcats in scoring; midfielders Jessica Hardman and Kelly Steen lead the team with an impressive 24 and 23 goals as the key cogs in the attack. Junior Ashley Ferguson also contributed to the attack to the tune of 13 goals and 5 assists. Freshman Emily Noel contributed 11 goals and led the team with 8 assists. Junior Michelle Bissell led the Lady 'Cats in goal with 96 saves, followed by freshman Vicki Stevens with 70 saves. While the season may not have gone the way the team planned, this was a young group that competed every game and gained valuable experience to contribute in future years, making the lacrosse future look bright for the Lady Bobcats.

Bobcat Tennis

After the successful ending of 2010-2011season in the Sweet 16 Tournament in Orlando, FL, the 2011-2012 season was filled with uncertainty since many lineup players had graduated. The team built from the basics almost completely. Only juniors Javier Yim Kim and Eduards Gusevs, as well as sophomore Sonny Right, remained from the previous year's team. Team lineup players added many athletes from different parts of the world: Aitor Reparaz and Jel Izquierdo from Spain, Douglas Oliviera from Brazil, Nathan Savill from Australia, Jack Waldon from England, and Andrej Barjakterevic from Serbia who did not play in the spring season. However, headed by second-year coach Nick Barr, the team's season proved to be a success, even though not as big as the previous two years. With juniors assuming the top spots in the lineup, they lead the team to the Conference and Regional finals where in both cases the Bobcats lost to their main rival, Bluefield University.

Bobcat Cross Country

In the minds of these athletes, the brisk air and crushing of leaves only meant one thing--cross country season. After a summer of countless miles in preparation for the season, both men's and women's teams were ready to race. As every team must experience, there were ups and downs during the season, but coach Skiles concluded, "I was proud of the way the team fought through various forms of adversity-- to produce another very competitive season as a whole." Both teams put up a fight on the challenging Seton Hill course for the WVIAC Conference Championship placing the men in second and the women in third. Eight Wesleyan runners made the First and Second Team All-Conference. Regionally, the men were tenth and the women finished eleventh. The teams looked forward to competing in the new Mountain East Conference next season.



Bobcat Track & Field

Under the direction of head coach Jessie Skiles, the Bobcats Track and Field team had a very successful season. The men's team finished as WVIAC Champions, while the women finished third in conference action. The Bobcats claimed first place in four events, including an MVP performance from junior Cuylor Edgell. Junior Stephen Knox won titles in the 110m hurdles with a time of 14.84 and the 400m hurdles with a time of 53.90. Junior Eric Myers won the shot put with a winning heave of 15.04m, and he recorded a throw of 45.58m to win the discus. In the multi-event competition, Edgell defended his title for the third time with an impressive 6281 points. For the women, Ashli Knotts claimed the 2012 title at the event with a meet record of 4400 points. Head coach Jessie Skiles was tabbed Coach of the Year.

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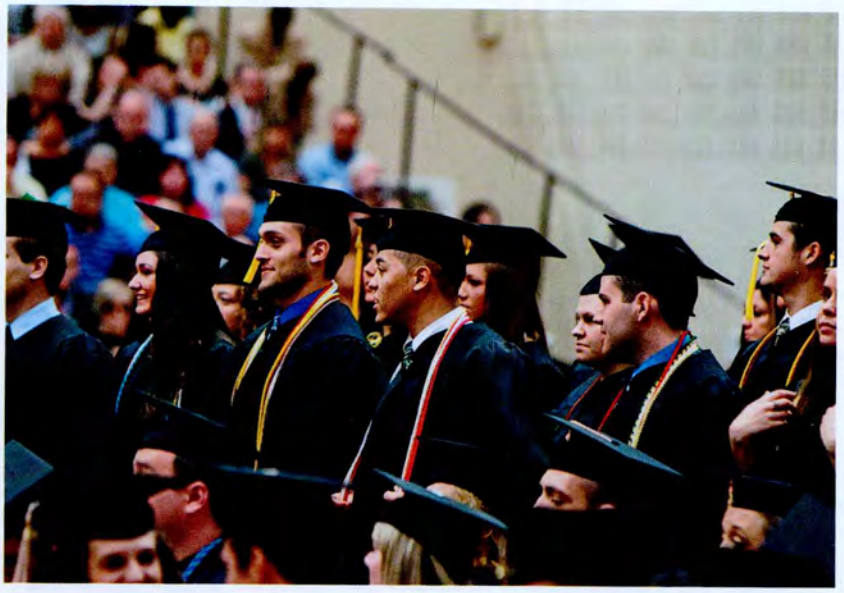

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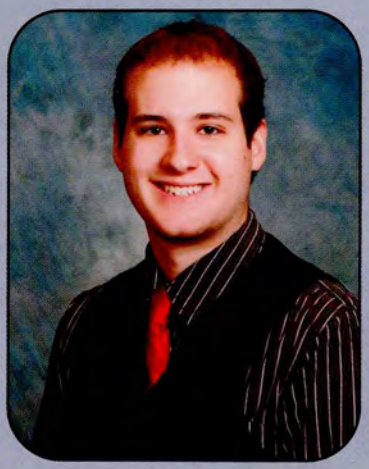

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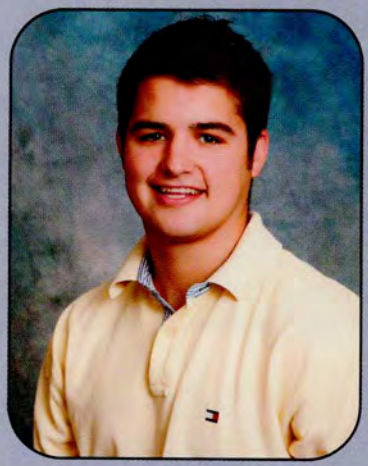

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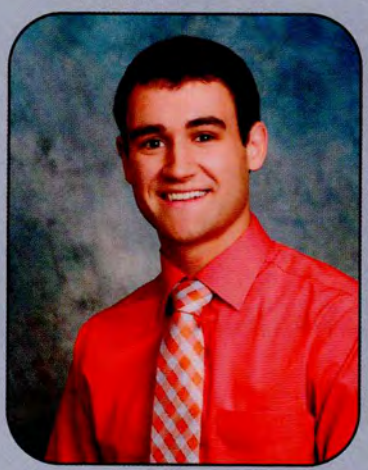

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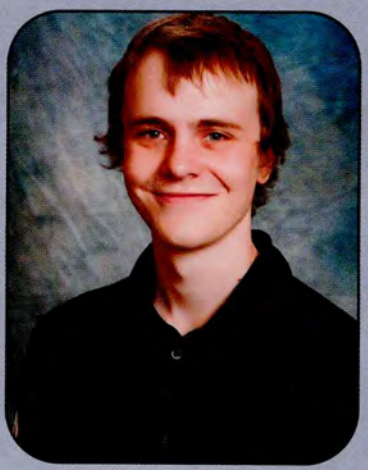

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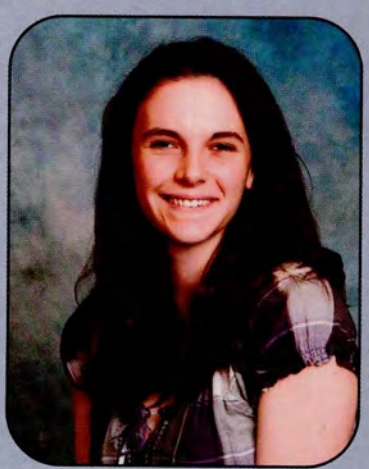

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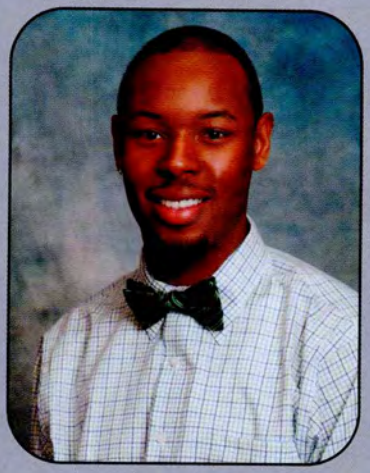

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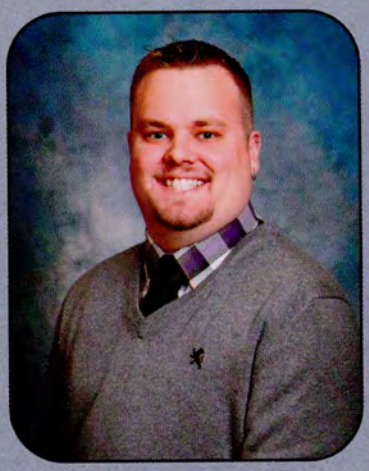

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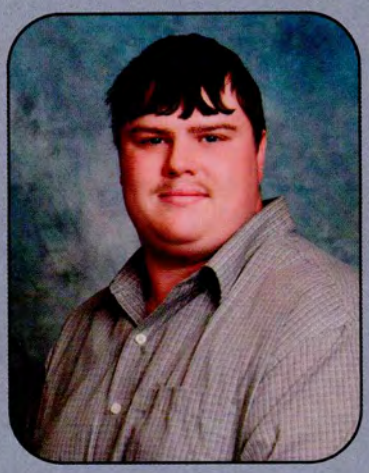

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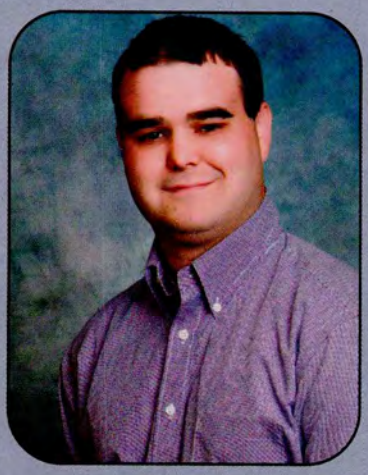

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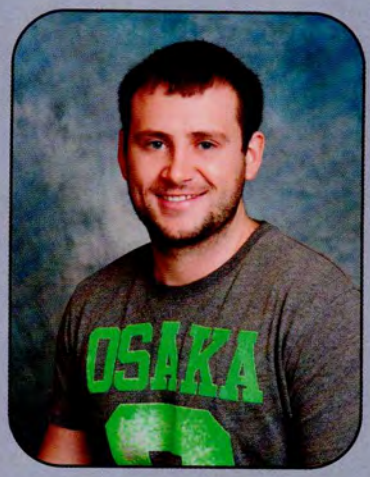

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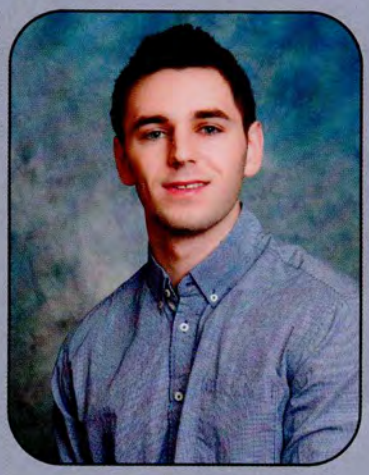

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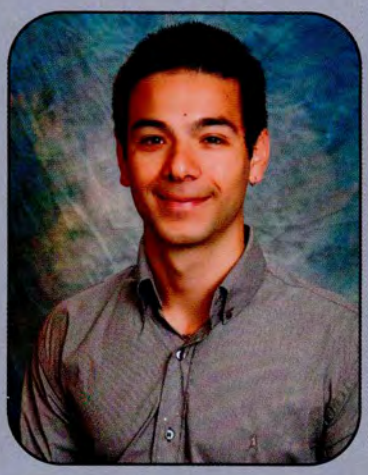

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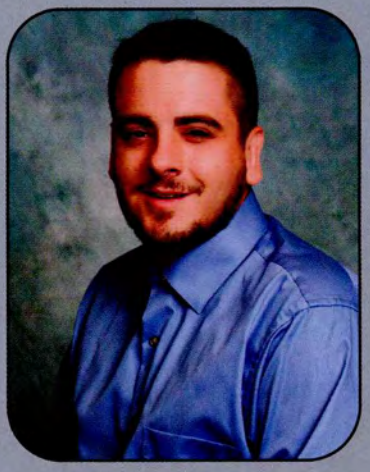

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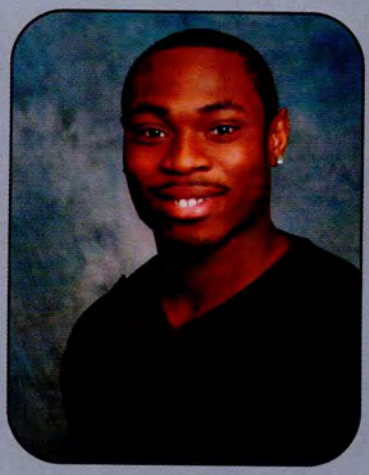

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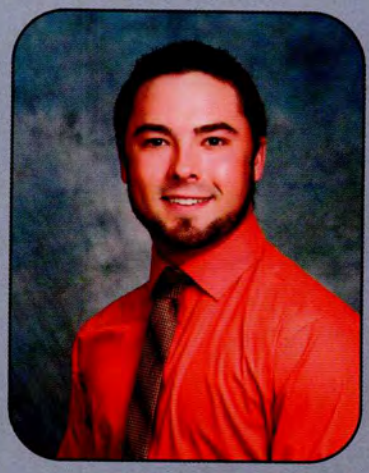

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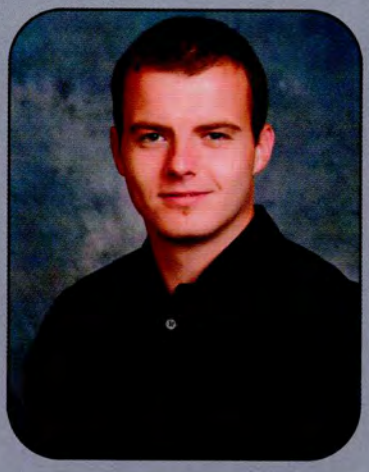

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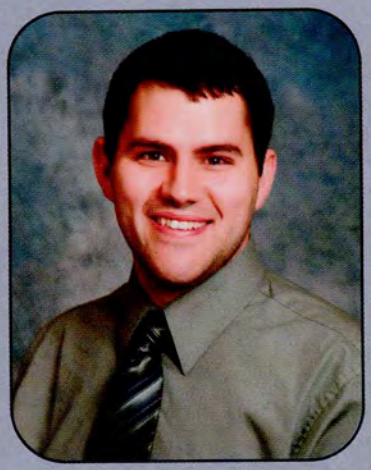

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2012 Graduation Awards

Fulbright Scholars

Kaitlen Whitt

Cassie Bodkin

Two West Virginia Wesleyan College seniors will spend a year in Bulgaria sharing and gaining knowledge as Fulbright Scholars, the United States government's prestigious flagship international exchange program. Cassandra "Cassie" Bodkin, of Montrose (WV), and Kaitlen Whitt, of Hico (WV), were recently selected as 2012 Fulbright Scholars, an opportunity that will enrich their lives and prepare them to be good global citizens.

"We are extremely proud of the tradition we are building at Wesleyan with the Fulbright Scholarship and other international and national scholarship competitions," Wesleyan President Pam Balch said. "Cassie and Kaitlen are the tenth and eleventh students to be selected as Fulbright Scholarship recipients and they will be the eighth and ninth students to accept the award in the last six years to study overseas. This is a great testament to the accomplishments of our students, the rigor of our academic curriculum, the leadership opportunities that are available through our co-curricular programs, and the challenge and support that our faculty and staff provide, " continued Balch.

Throughout their year in Bulgaria, both Bodkin and Whitt will teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to Bulgarian students and participate in extracurricular activities.

In May, Bodkin will graduate from Wesleyan with a degree in political science, and after returning from Bulgaria, she plans to attend law school and focus on International Law. Bodkin said the Fulbright experience will give her the opportunity to witness the political and social circumstances in other countries and enable her to meet individuals from different backgrounds.

"I am so fortunate and grateful for this experience," Bodkin said. "I can't wait to represent Wesleyan and the United States abroad as a Fulbright Scholar. Having the opportunity to go to Bulgaria and teach children what I know and also learn from the Bulgarians and their culture will be an enriching experience."

Bodkin is a member of the Wesleyan cheerleading and track teams, a sister of Zeta Tau Alpha, an ESL tutor, and member of the pre-law society. She plans to share her knowledge of athletics in Bulgaria because in addition to teaching English, Bodkin plans to coach a sports team, such as track, soccer or gymnastics. This will not be Bodkin's first international educational trip; she previously spent one semester studying in Sweden.

Whitt, a double major in English writing and philosophy, sees the Fulbright Scholarship as a chance to experience a culture that is often forgotten. Whitt added that each time she travels abroad she becomes more mature and aware of the world.

"When Americans think of Europe they think of England, Germany, or France — they never think about the rich Baltic culture that exists in Eastern Europe," Whitt said. "I want to help foster an appreciation of eastern European culture through my poetry, research, and photographs upon returning to the U.S. I chose Bulgaria because of the wonderful mix between rural and urban culture and because of the country's rich artistic traditions."

As her extracurricular project, Whitt plans to continue her passion of working to better the lives of women while in Bulgaria. Whitt hopes to work with an organization that supports female human trafficking survivors or one that helps women gain independence through community and education. When Whitt returns to the U.S., she wants to pursue a master's of fine arts in creative writing and later attain a juris doctor in International Law. Whitt thinks the international travel will help her communicate poetry and positively represent the U.S. and other nations as an international attorney.

"I plan to move back to West Virginia after attaining my degrees because I love my home and because I hope to continue improving the lives of women and girls in Appalachia through my poetry and knowledge of law," Whitt commented. At Wesleyan, Whitt is a sister of Sigma Alpha Iota music fraternity, a Concert Chorale member, an ESL tutor, a philosophy and study strategies tutor, editor of the 2012 *Vandalia*. a literary and art magazine, and co-founder of We Lead's Women of Wesleyan.

Both Bodkin and Whitt were assisted in the lengthy and detailed Fulbright Scholarship application process by Director of Awards and Scholarships Dr. John Saunders, Wesleyan associate professor of English, Emeritus. Saunders works to recruit stellar students who are involved with co-curricular activities for the highly competitive scholarship. He and other faculty members help Fulbright applicants with essays and conduct mock interviews. "Cassie and Kaitlen are excellent, sophisticated students, who have traveled meaningfully abroad," Saunders said. "They have excellent records of achievement on campus; both are students a liberal arts college hopes to produce."

"To have two Wesleyan students chosen for the Bulgarian Fulbright experience with so many other esteemed institutions is a testament to John's commitment to our students," Balch said. "Through his efforts, our students better realize the potential they have to positively affect others and further their own personal development as good citizens of the world," President Balch concluded.

WVWC Professor Emerita and WV Poet Laureate Irene McKinney
April 20, 1939 - February 4, 2012

Doctor Irene Durrett McKinney, Poet Laureate of West Virginia since 1994, passed away on February 4, 2012 on her family farm and birthplace in Belington, West Virginia. Dr. McKinney graduated from Belington High School in 1956. She went on to receive degrees from West Virginia Wesleyan College (BA), West Virginia University (MA), and the University of Utah (PhD). Professor Emerita of West Virginia Wesleyan College, McKinney was widely respected regionally and nationally as poet, scholar, and teacher. McKinney was Writer-in-Residence at many colleges and universities. In the last three years of her life, she founded and directed the Low Residency Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing Program at Wesleyan.

Irene

Irene McKinney. Creative artist. True intellectual. Generous mentor. Spiritual seeker. Uninhibited dancer. Speaker of mind. Admirer of brave women. Brave woman. Surfer of the second wave. About a former student who was on the brink of a successful professional career and who told Irene she did not consider herself a feminist, Irene said, "I don't mind her not calling herself a feminist, but it wouldn't hurt her to say thank you."

I arrived at Wesleyan in 1990 to discover that there were two new full-time faculty members in the English Department. Me and a poet named Irene McKinney. We learned the ropes together and sat at faculty meetings. Irene loathed faculty meetings. At one particularly tedious such gathering, the faculty for some reason started speaking in what they imagined was poetic language. One colleague said, "If I expect to reap the harvest, we're gonna have to plant the seeds." Another replied, "We can't just plant the seeds. We have to tend the soil." And another said, "We can't just tend the soil. We have to water it, too." As this metaphor was not just extended but drawn and quartered, Irene began squirming in the seat beside me. She pulled out one of the brightly colored index cards she used to carry with her and began scribbling in that careful, cursive handwriting of hers. She handed me the card, which said, "We need new metaphors. Exclamation point. If you're going to make chutney you need to ... If you're going to milk a goat..." What this story reveals is how Irene could not tolerate cute or pretentious language. Irene was an astonishingly astute reader of literature, able to offer short summations of a writer's work. She revered certain writers and would not stand for any trivialization of their talent. One time I was discussing Keats' "Ode to a Grecian Urn" with her and said that I thought Keats had indulged in effusive language to satisfy metrical demands in the line, "O happy love. O happy, happy love!" Irene looked at me with a mixture of pity and disdain. "He earned that," she said. And that was that.

For those foolish enough to have stopped reading Irene's work after 1989, having labeled her "a regional poet," I have to say that they really missed out. Irene was a poet who evolved and grew to the very end. Here are three things I admire about her later work. She wrote eloquently about what it is to grow older, especially for women in a culture that privileges youth. She continued to find nature a kind of spiritual solace. And last, but not least, like many great artists, she could turn the personal into the universal, and find something transcendent, even mythic, in the everyday. *Reprinted with permission by Dr. Boyd Creasman, Department of English.*

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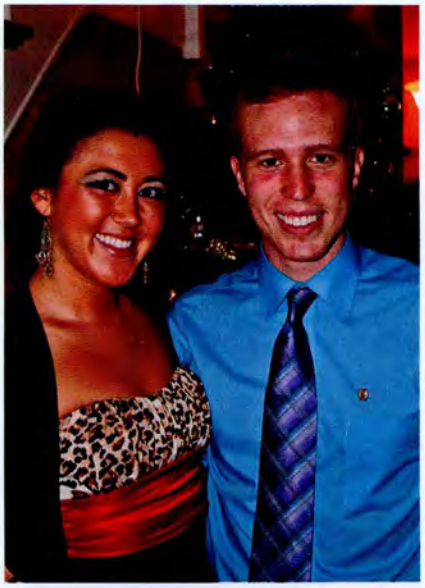

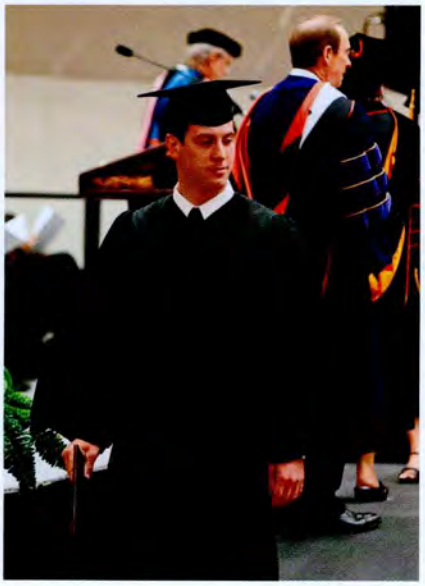

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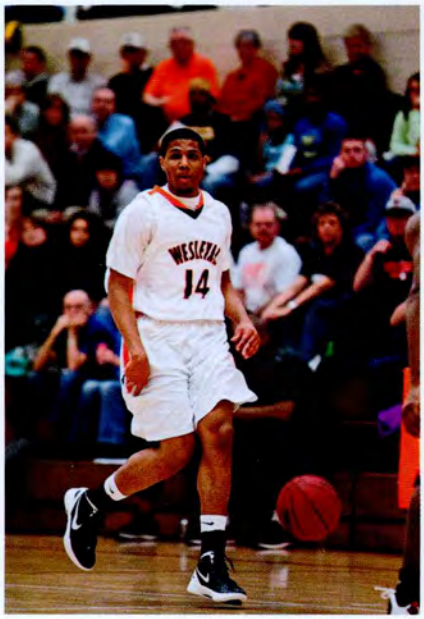

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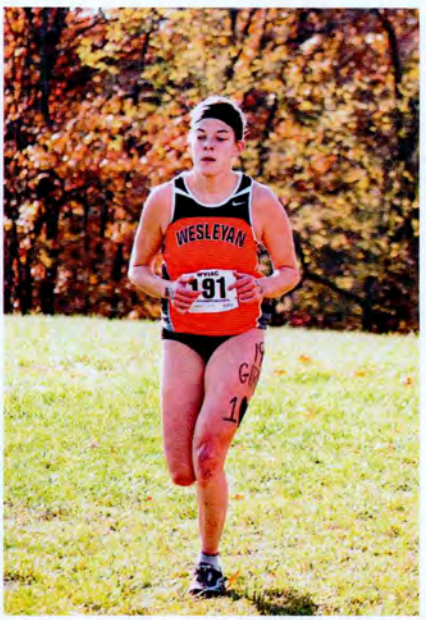
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